**OPEN PRAYER**

We thank you, creator God, for the goodly heritage you offer us,

from green downland to the deep salt seas, and for the abundant world we share with your creation. Keep us so mindful of its needs and those of all with whom we share, that open to your Spirit we may discern and practice

all that makes for its wellbeing, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
Creator God, you formed our universe from a shapeless void;
You fashioned the planets and forged the stars;
You established the seasons and determined life’s rightful order:
**Creator God, we worship you!**

Word of Life, you spoke over your creation and made it live;
You painted nature into beautiful color;
You stirred seas and rivers to song;
You called forth creatures of every shape and size:
**Word of Life, we respond to you!**

Spirit of Life, you gathered the dust of the earth and made a man and a woman;
You breathed life into them, that they might know you;
You filled your earth with tribes and nations;
You entrusted your precious world to us your family:
**Spirit of Life, we receive you!**

“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.”
**Almighty God, today we celebrate the good gift of your creation;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
today we rejoice in the gift of relationship with you.
Amen.**

Please announce Hymn #145**“**Morning Has Broken"

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 1:20-22, 28

God said, “Let the waters swarm with living things, and let birds fly above the earth up in the dome of the sky.” God created the great sea animals and all the tiny living things that swarm in the waters, each according to its kind, and all the winged birds, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was. Then God blessed them: “Be fertile and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.” God blessed them and said to them, “Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground.”

Psalm 65 :8~13 (CEB)

Those who dwell on the far edges
        stand in awe of your acts.
    You make the gateways
        of morning and evening sing for joy.
You visit the earth and make it abundant,
    enriching it greatly
        by God’s stream, full of water.
You provide people with grain
    because that is what you’ve decided.
Drenching the earth’s furrows,
        leveling its ridges,
    you soften it with rain showers;
        you bless its growth.
You crown the year with your goodness;
    your paths overflow with rich food.
Even the desert pastures drip with it,
    and the hills are dressed in pure joy.
The meadowlands are covered with flocks,
    the valleys decked out in grain—
        they shout for joy;
        they break out in song!

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**